

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Eric Trinquet et al.

Examiner: Mark Staples

Serial No.: 10/516,744

Group Art Unit: 1637

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Title: FLUORESCENT ENTITY COMPRISING A FLUOROPHORE COVALENTLY ATTACHED TO AT LEAST ONE OLIGONUCLEOTIDE AND COMPRISING AT LEAST ONE FUNCTIONAL GROUP, AND USES THEREOF

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed March 14, 2007, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claim 1 in part and claims 2-6 and 14-30. The requirement for restriction is respectfully traversed, inasmuch as it is submitted that, since as claim 1 is encompassed in all of the first 9 groups of the restriction requirement, little, if any, additional burden is incumbent upon the Examiner to examine the full scope of these groups. Moreover, the remaining groups, as acknowledged in the Office Action, are subject to rejoinder. Thus, it is submitted that the full scope of claims should be examined, and the same is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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